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In re: Application of)	
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SIMPSON, Jeffrey M.)	
)	Examiner: SWIATEK, Robert P.
Serial No.: 10/612,589)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3643
Filed: July 2, 2003)	
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For: PET ENCLOSURE)	

DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION

Sir:

I, Jeffrey M. Simpson, declare as follows:

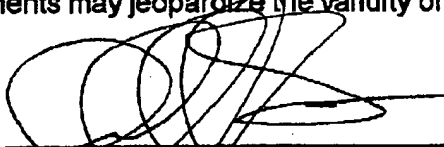
1. This declaration is to establish invention of the subject matter of the above-identified application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/612,589, in the United States, prior to April 30, 2002.
2. I am the inventor of the above-identified application, am of the age of majority, and am otherwise competent to give this Declaration.
3. Attached hereto as Attachment 1, and forming a part of this Declaration, is a redacted copy of a presentation including a photograph of a sample device embodying the invention of Application Serial No. 10/612,589. The conception and construction of this sample device was completed under my direction, and the sample device was in my possession within the United States, prior to April 30, 2002. The presentation and the photograph of the sample device included therein were, themselves, also prepared and in my possession within the United States prior to April 30, 2002, and are records maintained in the ordinary course of my business.
4. From this Declaration, including the attached records, it can be seen that the invention of Application Serial No. 10/612,589 was conceived and reduced to practice prior to April 30, 2002.

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5. I acted diligently to effect the preparation and filing of the provisional patent application to which this application claims priority, from prior to April 30, 2002 through the filing date of the provisional patent application.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

By:



Jeffrey M. Simpson

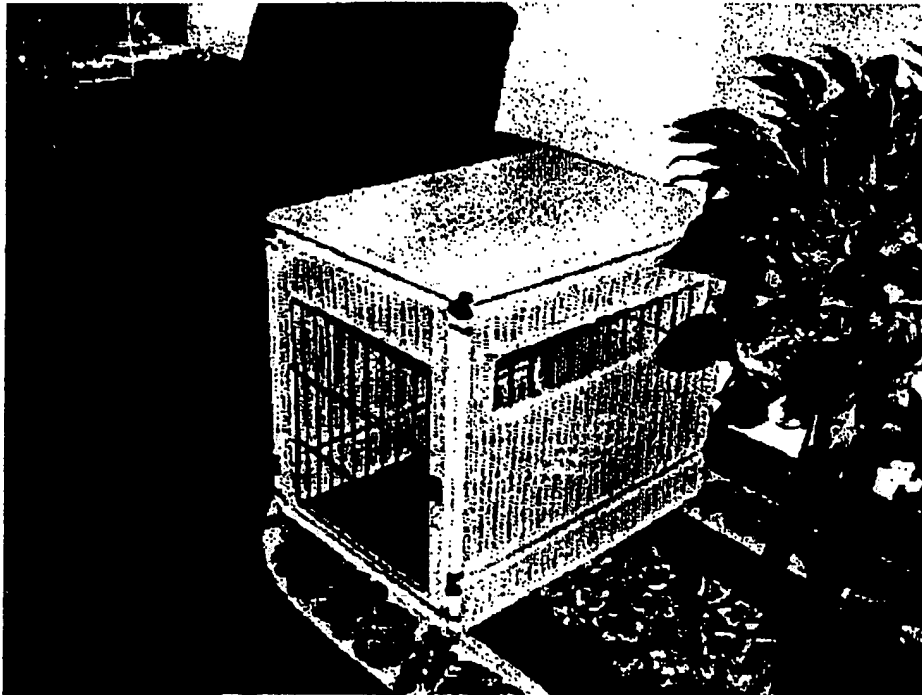
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"House Pets Home"

- Aesthetically pleasing containment for pets.
- Replacement for plastic boxes and wire crates.
- Weatherproof imitation wicker won't absorb pet odors or fluids.
- Easy to clean - just hose it off.
- Easy assembly - goes together in minutes.
- Take it with you - great for vans and SUVs.
- Extra durable, easily removable pan included.
- Great for patio, porch or garage too.
- Comes in 4 sizes - 24" through 42"
- Available for delivery in May 2002.